AND STAY IN YOUR HOUSES,
AND DO NOT DISPLAY YOURSELVES

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) urged women to stay in their homes. Undoubtedly, giving women absolute freedom to go out is contrary to the commands of Sharee'ah.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"Their houses are better for them."
(Abu Dawud, Al-Salah, 480)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

﴿وَقَرْنَ فِى بُيُوتِكُنَّ﴾

And stay in your houses
(Surah Al-Ahzab 33:33)

When woman go out all the time and gets used to that she will form a strong attachment to it, because her emotions are so strong. Then it will distract her from her religious and worldly duties, and it will become all that she thinks and talks about.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

And stay in your houses, and do not display yourselves like that of the times of ignorance, and perform As-Salat (Iqamâtas Salat), and give Zakat and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah wishes only to remove Ar Rijs (evil deeds and sins, etc.) from you, O members of the family (of the Prophet), and to purify you with a thorough purification
(Surah Al-Ahzab 33:33)

If a woman goes out all the time than, it will be a means of taking away her modesty, and if a woman's modesty is taken away from her, do not even ask about the evil consequences that may follow, unless Allah blesses her with righteousness which will restore to her the modesty which is her birthright.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"The best of your women is the affectionate, the fertile (in productivity), the propitious (favourable), the consultative if they fear Allah. The most evil of your women are the Mutabar'rijat (those who do At-Tabarooj), the Mutakhayelat (who strut/swagger), and they are the hypocrites. Those who enter Al-Jannah (the Paradise) are like the Cough Crow."
(Al-Bayhaqi)

Undoubtedly it is better for women to stay at home. The Guardians have to be guardians in the fullest sense.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

Men are the protectors and maintainers of women
(Surah An-Nisa' 4:34)

Women should not go out unless it is necessary, and when it is necessary for a woman to go out, it should be with her husband's permission. She should be careful to avoid that which Allah has forbidden, and she should wear full hijab, covering her face, etc.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

…tell your wives, your daughters, and the women of believers to draw their veils all over their bodies (screen themselves completely except the eyes). That is more suitable that they will be known (as a respectable believing woman) and not molested…
(Surah Al Ahzab 33:59)

When women go out wearing adornments and makeup or perfume, then this is not permitted.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ و سلم) said:

“Every eye is lustful and when a woman applies perfume and then goes about in an assembly, she is like such and such, i.e. an adulteress.”
(Mishkat, Hadith # 1065)

The Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ و سلم) permitted women to go out if there is an urgent need.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ و سلم) said:

“It is permissible for you (women) to go out for your needs.”
(Saheeh Bukharee, Tafseer al-Qur’an, 4421)

Ibn Hajar said in Fath al-Bari, Ibn Battaal said:

The interpretation of this hadeeth is that it is permissible for women to engage in dealings according to their needs.
(Al-Fatāwā al-Jaami’ah li’l Mar’ah Al Muslimah, Vol 3, Page 1063)

Women should not go out and free mixing with men has bad consequences and obvious evil effects on women, including Haram looking.

Allah (سبحانہ وتعالی) says:

And tell the believing women to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts) and not to show off their adornment except only that which is apparent…
(Surah An Nur 24:31)

Narrated by Jareer Ibn ‘Abd-Allah (رضي الله عنه) that,

I asked the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه و سلم) about an accidental glance and he ordered me to avert my gaze. It may result in haram touching, which includes shaking hands.
(Saheeh Muslim 2159)

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

“If one of you were to be stabbed in the head with an iron needle that would be better for him than his touching a woman who is not permissible for him.”
(At-Tabarani from Ma’qil Ibn Yasaar)

Mixing may lead to a man being alone with a non-mahram woman, which is haram.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

“No man is alone with a woman but the third one present is the shaytaan.”
(Tirmidhi 2165)

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him not be alone with a woman who has no mahram present, for the third one present will be the shaytaan.”
(Ahmad and classed as Saheeh by al-Hakim, and al-Dhahabi agreed with him)

Another of its evil consequences is when a man becomes infatuated with a woman, or vice versa, which is due to mixing and prolonged interaction.

Indeed, how many cases of divorce have been caused by haram relationships formed by the husband or wife, and mixing at work was the thing that lead to that.

The natural situation for women is to stay at home.

Ibn Katheer (رحيم الله) said: This means:

Stay in your houses and do not come out unnecessarily.

The Muslim is enjoined to adhere to the limits set by Allah, and not to transgress them just because other people do so; rather he is required to enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil as much as he can, not to take the fact that people do evil deeds as a justification for falling into them himself.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

“I have not left after me any fitnah that is more harmful to men than women.”
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Women should not be with non-mahram. With regards to speaking, there is nothing wrong with that, such as returning the greeting of salaam or initiating it, so long as she observes hijab and avoids being alone with any non-mahram.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

And when you ask (his wives) for anything you want, ask them from behind a screen, that is purer for your hearts and for their hearts
(Surah Al-Ahzab 33:53)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

O wives of the Prophet! You are not like any other women. If you keep your duty (to Allah), then be not soft in speech, lest he in whose heart is a disease (of hypocrisy, or evil desire for adultery) should be moved with desire, but speak in an honourable manner
(Surah Al-Ahzab 33:32)

It is not permissible for a woman to travel without a mahram.

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"It is not permissible for any woman who believes in Allah and the Last Day to travel except with a mahram."

And because the purpose for the mahram being there is so that he can protect her and take care of her, especially if any emergency arises, and travel is subject to emergencies regardless of the length of time involved. Whatever people regard as "travelling" is like this, and is subject to the rulings on travelling.